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Addendum

__. APPLICATIONS FOR CONSULTATIVE STATUS AND REQUESTS FOR RECLASSIFICATION RECEIVED FROM NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

C. New applications for consultative status

1. The Committee decided to recommend the Economic and Social Council to grant the following non-governmental organizations consultative status:

Category I

IPS Inter Press Service International Cooperative 2/

Category II

ActionAid 2/

Arab Council for Childhood and Development 2/

Asia Crime Prevention Foundation 2/

READEX
FICHE

Charity Organization 2/

Childhope 2/

Development Innovations and Networks 2/

France-Libertés - Fondation Danielle Mitterrand 2/

International Alert 2/

International Federation for Hydrocephalus and Spina Bifida (IFHSB) 2/

International Federation of Industrial Energy Consumers 2/

International Kolping Society 1/

International Service for Human Rights 2/

National Wildlife Federation 2/

Organization of Islamic Capitals and Cities 1/

Pugwash Conferences on Science and World Affairs 2/

Refugee Policy Group 2/

Sierra Club Legal Defense Fund (SCLDF) 2/

Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues (SPSSI) 2/

South American Commission for Peace, Regional Security and Democracy 2/

Planetary Society 2/

Special Olympics International 2/

The World Coal Institute 2/

World Conference of Mayors for Peace through Inter-City Solidarity 2/

Roster

African-American Society for Humanitarian Aid and Development 2/

Arab Society of Certified Accountants 3/

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award International Foundation 3/

Human Life International 2/

JASCAA International (Japan Solidarity Committee for Asian Alumni - International) 3/

Wainwright House 2/

World Association of Women Entrepreneurs 1/

2. The Committee decided to defer further consideration of the applications of the following organizations to its session in 1993: 4/

3. The International Women's Rights Action Watch and the World Congress of Gay and Lesbian Jewish Organizations withdrew their applications for consultative status.

D. New requests for reclassification

4. The Committee decided to recommend the Economic and Social Council to reclassify three organizations from category II to category I consultative status and four organizations from the Roster to category II. The Committee also decided to maintain the category II status of one organization.

Category I

International Council for Adult Education 5/

International Federation of Associations of the Elderly 5/

International Movement ATD Fourth World 5/

Category II

Asian Non-Governmental Organizations Coalition for Agrarian Reform and Rural Development (ANGOC) 6/

Daytop Village Foundation, Inc. 6/

Defence for Children International Movement 6/

World Association of Industrial and Technological Research Organizations 5/

World Federation of Therapeutic Communities (WFTC) 7/

5. The International Humanist and Ethical Union withdrew its application for reclassification.

E. Follow-up to the decisions taken by the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations at its 1989 session

6. The Committee decided to recommend to the Economic and Social Council to maintain the Roster status of the International Federation of ACAT (Action des chrétiens pour l'abolition de la torture), the National Association of Women Lawyers and the Pearl S. Buck Foundation, Inc. The Committee also decided to recommend to the Economic and Social Council to maintain the category II status of the World LPG Forum.

Notes

1/ The organization had applied for category I consultative status.

2/ The organization had applied for category II consultative status.

3/ The organization had applied for placement on the Roster.

4/ The Committee decided that, for all applications deferred, the organizations concerned should submit a new application.

5/ The organization had requested reclassification from category II to category I.

6/ The organization had requested reclassification from the Roster to category II.

7/ The organization had requested reclassification from the Roster to category I.

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__. REVIEW OF QUADRIENNIAL REPORTS SUBMITTED BY NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS IN CONSULTATIVE STATUS WITH THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL, CATEGORIES I AND II

1. The Committee considered item 4 of its agenda at its 525th-531st meetings, from 28 to 31 January 1991. It had before it quadriennial reports for the period 1986-1989 on the activities of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, categories I and II (E/C.2/1991/2 and Add.1-6 and E/C.2/1991/3 and Add.1).

A. Quadriennial reports, 1986-1989

2. In accordance with Council resolution 1296 (XLIV), the Committee requested the following organizations, which had failed to submit reports for the period 1986-1989, to provide them within three months:

Democratic Youth Community of Europe
Environment Liaison Center International
European Association of National Productivity Centres
Howard League for Penal Reform
Institute of Social Studies Trust
Inter African Union of Lawyers

International Association of Juvenile and Family Court Magistrates
International Cargo Handling Co-ordination Association
International Centre of Social Gerontology
International Co-operation for Development and Solidarity
International Federation of Beekeepers' Associations
International Federation of Senior Police Officers
International Islamic Federation of Student Organizations
International Union for Inland Navigation
International Union of Architects
Pan African Institute for Development
Third World Foundation.

3. The Committee decided to review the reports of the above-mentioned organizations for the period of 1986-1989 at its session in 1993 and agreed that, in accordance with past practice, those organizations that failed to submit a report within the specified time would automatically have their consultative status with the Council withdrawn.

4. The Committee noted that the information provided by the following organizations was not satisfactory:

European League for Economic Co-operation
European Organization for Quality Control (EOQC)
Inter-American Planning Society (SIAP)
International Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions (INTOSAI)
Inter-University European Institute on Social Welfare
Latin American Iron and Steel Institute
Union of International Associations
United Towns Organization.

5. The Committee decided to request the above organizations to submit, within three months, additional information on their activities related to the work of the United Nations.

6. The Committee noted that the information provided by the General Arab Women Federation on its activities for the period 1986-1989 (see E/C.2/1991/2) was inadequate and decided to draw the attention of that organization to the necessity of submitting to the Committee in 1995 clearer information in its quadrennial report for the period 1990-1993.

7. In conducting their review and in taking note of the reports, the members of the Committee made observations and expressed reservations concerning the reports of a number of organizations, as set out below:

[Remarks by the representative of Ethiopia on the International Organization for the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (EAFORD) to be inserted.]

[Remarks provided by delegations on the International League for Human Rights and the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions to be inserted.]

B. Follow-up to decisions taken by the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations at its session in 1989

8. The Committee noted that, pursuant to its decision in 1989 (E/1989/40, para. 16), the International Hotel Association, which had failed to submit its report for the period 1984-1987 within the specified time, would have its consultative status withdrawn.

9. The Committee decided to recommend to the Economic and Social Council that the consultative status of the following organizations, which had failed to submit a detailed report on their activities for the period 1986-1989 as requested by the Committee in 1989 (E/1989/40, para. 17), be withdrawn:

International Christian Union of Business Executives (UNIAPAC)
Studies and Expansion Society - International Scientific Association (SEC).

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Addendum

___. PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND DOCUMENTATION FOR THE SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE TO BE HELD IN 1993

The Economic and Social Council approves the provisional agenda and documentation for the session of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations to be held in 1993 set out below:

PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND DOCUMENTATION FOR THE SESSION OF THE COMMITTTEE ON NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS TO BE HELD IN 1993

1. Election of officers.

2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.

3. Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification received from non-governmental organizations:

   (a) Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification deferred from the 1991 session of the Committee;

(b) New applications for consultative status and new requests for reclassification.

Documentation

Deferred applications for consultative status: memorandum by the Secretary-General

Deferred requests for reclassification: memorandum by the Secretary-General

New applications for consultative status: memorandum by the Secretary-General

New requests for reclassification: memorandum by the Secretary-General

4. Review of quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, categories I and II.

Documentation

Quadrennial reports for the period 1988-1991 submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, categories I and II: report submitted through the Secretary-General pursuant to Economic and Social Council resolution 1296 (XLIV)

Follow-up to decisions taken by the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations at its session in 1991: report submitted through the Secretary-General pursuant to Economic and Social Council resolution 1296 (XLIV)

5. Review of future activities.

Documentation

Report on the annual informal consultation held in 1991 and 1992 between the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations and non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council

[Report of the Working Group]

6. Provisional agenda and documentation for the session of the Committee to be held in 1995.

7. Adoption of the report of the Committee.

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____. REVIEW OF FUTURE ACTIVITIES

1. The Under-Secretary-General for International Economic and Social Affairs made an introductory statement. He emphasized the unique functions performed by the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations in considering the applications for consultative status with the Council and in reviewing the activities of non-governmental organizations, as well as in advising the Council and other organs and bodies of the United Nations on establishing links with non-governmental organizations. The current forms of co-operation between United Nations bodies and non-governmental organizations had gone beyond those envisaged by the Council in resolution 1296 (XLIV). Efforts had been made to increase co-ordination, co-operation and exchange of information between the various offices of the Secretariat dealing with matters related to non-governmental organizations. Initiatives had been taken by the Non-Governmental Organizations Unit to strengthen assistance to non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council in the co-ordination of their activities. Efforts would continue to be made by the Department of International Economic and Social Affairs through its Non-Governmental Organizations Unit to explore new avenues of communication between Member States, non-governmental organizations in consultative status and the Secretariat. He said that non-governmental organizations, in view of their knowledge and expertise, could greatly help in the formulation of plans and programmes of the United Nations, as well as in their implementation. Increased collaboration with non-governmental organizations in carrying out joint

activities with the Secretariat, such as seminars and conferences, technical assistance and operational activities, would enhance the effectiveness, relevance and impact of those activities and, in some cases, result in savings for the Organization. In the coming years, non-governmental organizations would have several opportunities to make a vital contribution to the activities of the United Nations through their active participation in the implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade, the programme on the prevention and control of AIDS, the 1992 United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, the International Meeting on Population to be held in 1994 and in the area of disarmament and development. Their organizational skills, information capabilities and resources lent vital support and assistance to the United Nations and thus served as a source of strength and inspiration.

2. The Vice-President of the Conference on Non-Governmental Organizations in Consultative Status with the Economic and Social Council drew the attention of the Committee to the importance of respecting precedents regarding modalities for the participation of organizations in consultative status in United Nations conferences and of bringing information on those precedents to the attention of appropriate Secretariat officials. She noted that the Non-Governmental Organizations Unit should be consulted in connection with proposals regarding the participation of non-governmental organizations in United Nations conferences and in special sessions of the General Assembly. She stressed the need for uniformity in the access granted to non-governmental organizations in consultative status at special sessions and ad hoc committees of the General Assembly, as well as its Main Committees. The response of non-governmental organizations to United Nations resolutions could be facilitated if there were consistency in the criteria used and in the treatment accorded non-governmental organizations in consultative status by the various offices of the Secretariat. She strongly deplored a growing tendency to label non-governmental organizations as "northern", "southern" or "indigenous". The international non-governmental organizations in consultative status, irrespective of the location of their headquarters, had chapters or members in both developed and developing countries and the views of their wide constituency were reflected in their policy-making process. Finally, she noted with appreciation the efforts made by the Non-Governmental Organizations Unit and the Interdepartmental Working Group on NGO-related Matters to strengthen and improve the relationship between the United Nations and non-governmental organizations. In that connection, she deplored the reduction of 33 per cent of the sources allocated to the Non-Governmental Organizations Unit and urged that the resources be restored to a level commensurate with the increasing demands made upon it.

3. In reviewing the report on the annual informal consultation (see E/C.2/1991/CRP.4), the members of the Committee stressed the increasing importance of the role and contributions of the non-governmental organizations in consultative status to the activities of the United Nations and called for strengthened and concrete collaboration in all appropriate areas. They noted that those organizations should utilize to the fullest extent the possibilities offered by their consultative status for participation in the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary bodies.

4. Regarding the participation by non-governmental organizations in consultative status in the work of the General Assembly through oral statements in its Main Committees or at special sessions, members of the Committee drew attention to the practical limitations and time constraints. It was suggested that by regrouping their views, non-governmental organizations would, when appropriate, ensure a modicum of participation in the work of the General Assembly. The Committee agreed that participation through written statements was very valuable and should be facilitated.

5. There was general agreement on the importance and usefulness of the annual informal consultation: it provided an opportunity for open and constructive dialogue and contacts as well as a forum for Governments and non-governmental organizations in consultative status to express their respective concerns.

6. The Committee commended the Non-Governmental Organizations Unit of the Department of International Economic and Social Affairs for its work, in particular for the excellent quality of the documentation prepared for the Committee.

7. The Committee strongly deplored the inadequacy of resources of the Unit, in view of the ever-expanding volume of documentation as well as the constant increase in the number of non-governmental organizations in consultative status and the resulting increase in demands placed upon the Unit. In that regard, it was noted that, owing to the dire financial situation of the Organization, an increase in the resources of the Unit could only be achieved through redeployment within the Department of International Economic and Social Affairs.

8. The Committee stressed that Economic and Social Council resolution 1296 (XLIV) should remain the basis of, and guiding element for, the work of the Committee. The Committee noted, however, that there was a need to establish practical guidelines of an administrative and technical nature with a view to facilitating the work of the Committee as well as of the Non-Governmental Organizations Unit.

9. Regarding the applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification submitted by non-governmental organizations, the Committee noted with appreciation the efforts made by the Non-Governmental Organizations Unit to implement the provisions of paragraph 40 (a) of Council resolution 1296 (XLIV) and instructed the Unit to transmit to the Committee only those applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification for which the completed questionnaire had been submitted no later than 1 June of the year preceding the session of the Committee.

10. The Committee emphasized the need for non-governmental organizations required to submit quadrennial reports to provide a clear picture of their activities as they related to the United Nations. The Committee further noted that the reports should conform to the guidelines elaborated by the Non-Governmental Organizations Unit pursuant to the relevant decisions of the Committee [in that connection, the Committee agreed that the guidelines should include as an annex a sample report in order to assist the non-governmental organizations].

11. The Committee further decided that only those reports elaborated in conformity with the guidelines and submitted to the Non-Governmental Organizations Unit no later than 1 June of the year preceding the Committee's session would be transmitted to the Committee for consideration. The Committee recalled that organizations failing to submit adequate reports on time would be subject to any reclassification in status that the Committee might deem appropriate, in conformity with paragraph 40 (b) of Council resolution 1296 (XLIV).

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E. Save the Children Alliance

1. Pursuant to the decision taken at its session in 1989 (see E/1989/40, para. 13), the Committee reconsidered the consultative status of Save the Children Alliance and its affiliates (Radda Barnen (Sweden), Save the Children Federation (USA) and Save the Children Fund (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland)). 1/

2. The Committee decided that, on an exceptional basis and without establishing a precedent, and bearing in mind the needs of the organizations concerned, the four organizations should be allowed to keep their respective consultative status for a further three years (until 31 December 1993). After that date there should be a single organization representing Save the Children Alliance.

Notes

1/ These four organizations are in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, category II.

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